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IN RE APPLICANT: Boyce D. Burts, Jr. § ART UNIT NO.: 1711

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TITLE: *Well Kill Additive, Well Kill  
Treatment Fluid Made Therefrom,  
and Method of Killing a Well* §

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 23267/16D1 §

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 02, 2000The Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 2, 2000, the following Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted.

AMENDMENTSIn the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A well kill additive comprising a dry mixture of a water soluble crosslinkable polymer, a crosslinking agent, and a reinforcing material selected from [among] the group consisting of fibers and comminuted plant materials.